(c) In order to contain the influx of urban population into big cities a centrally sponsored scheme of 'Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns' has been in operation since Sixth Five Year Plan period. UndeT the Scheme 235 towns were covered during the sixth Plan and Central assistance of Rs. 63.57 crores disbursed.

During the current five Year Plan a sum of Rs. 88 crores has been earmarked for this scheme in the Central sector. Besides this, the Industrial Dispersal Location Policy and the incentives for backward area development are also contributing to the dispersal of urban population.

There is a centrally sponsored scheme for the National Capital Region to assist dispersal of urban population. Under this scheme amounts as shown below were released upto December, 1988.

Haryana	1161.85 lakhs
Rajasthan	611.75 lakhs
Uttar. Pradesh	1688.00 lakhs
	3461.60 lakhs

Brackish Water Fish Farms Development Agency in Thane

1784. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal was submitted by the Government of Maharashtra to set up a Brackish Water Fish Farms Development Agency in Thane district of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether some funds were sought from the Central Government for the project;

(c) whether the scheme has been approved by the central Government; and

(d) if so, the amount of assistance provided or proposed to be provided by the Central Government for the Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A Brackish Water Fish Farmer's Development Agency (BFDA) for Thane district of Maharashtra has been sanctioned in December, 1988.

An amount or Rs. 1.90 lakh has been released as initial payment towards Government of India's share, in January, 1989 for the above BFDA.

Setting up Fertilizer Plants in Golf Countries

1785. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISH RA: Will the Minister of AGRICUL TURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision for the setting up of ammonia and phosphoric acid plants in Gulf countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Government have approved the proposal of M/s Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizer Company Ltd. (GNVFC), a company in the joint sector, for investing in the equity of a joint venture company in the U.A.E, for setting up a 500 tpd phosphoric acid plant.

Use of Pesticides

1786. SHRI N.E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether use of Pesticides in the country is on the increase and if so, the details of Pesticides used during

the last three years State-wise, year-wise and pesticide-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV); (i) Yes, Sir; long term trend indicates increase in the use of pesticides.

(ii) Presently 131 technical grade pesticides and 203 formulations of these pesticides are permitted for use and these are being sold through over 86,000 sale points by various agencies in the country. There is no system of collection of detailed data on pesticide-wise consumption.

(iii) However, State-wise and year-wise estimated pesticides consumption in the country during the last three years (1985-86 to 1987-88), is annexed as Statement.

The consumption of pesticides in various States during the last three years (1985-86 to 1987-88)

M.T. (Technical Grade)

Sl. No.	States/UTs	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
1.	Andhra Pradesh	14,400	9,136	8,860
2.	Assam	810	1,410	531
3.	Bihar	1,750	2,000	3,000
4.	Gujarat	4,500	2,090	2,080
5.	Haryana	3,606	3,995	3,700
6.	Himachal Pradesh	690	553	545
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	748	91.83	85.40
8.	Karnataka	3,280	3,265	4,500
9.	Kerala	1,130	1,039	1,059
10.	Madhya Pradesh	3,400	4,000	3,000
11.	Maharashtra	3,089	6,070	6,090
12.	Manipur	43	40	38
13.	Meghalaya	40	42	44
14.	Nagaland	6.65	4	13
15.	Orissa	1,200	1,400	1,700
16.	Punjab	4,620	5,800	4,860
17.	Rajasthan	2,444	3,240	2,970
18.	Sikkim	16	18	20
19.	Tamil Nadu	10,000	11,000	11,600
20.	Tripura	190	160	138
21.	Uttar Pradesh	6,010	6,550	6,920
22.	West Bengal	5,000	5,100	4,900
23.	Arunachal Pradesh	17	18	25
24.	Goa	56	55	11
25.	Mizoram	6	7	10
26.	Andaman & Nicobar	7	3.50	3.50

MT. (Technical Grade)

Sl. No.	States/UTs	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
27.	Chandigarh	3	3.65	3.00
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	3	4	4
29.	Delhi	39.6	46	49.50
30.	Lakshadweep	3.5	0.65	0.70
31.	Daman & Diu	—	0.60	0.67
32.	Pondicherry	106.3.	127.60	133.70
	TOTAL	67,218.05	67,269.83	66,894.47

Note: Figures of pesticides consumption taken from the State Plan document submitted to the Planning Commission.

Representations from State Housing Corporation

1787. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations have been received by HUDCO regarding improper housing allocations by certain State Housing Corporations; and

(b) what steps are being taken to ensure that HUDCO funds are not filtered away?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) To ensure the proper'utilisation of HUDCO funds, the periodic progress reports are obtained from the implementing agencies and periodic site inspections are undertaken. Loans are released in instalments only after receipt of report on the utilisation of earlier instalments. The progress of works is also reviewed by the officers with State officials.

Encroachments in Vasant Vihar

1788. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3327 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether encroachment made by Modern Bazar in Vasant Vihar has since been removed;

(b) whether any action has been taken against Himachal Taxi Service for unauthorised and illegal occupation of booth, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the circumstances under which the name of Lovely Tourist Transport Company was changed have been verified, if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) what is the aetual area occupied by Siddhartha Taxi Service as against the allotted space;

(e) whether it is a fact that Modern Bazar and Hotel Vasant Continental have converted the road side area into private